

the movement originated with the American Red Cross, and that most of the funds as well as the personnel are provided by the United States, that America should be represented in some way in the title of the Council, as a permanent recognition.

The object of the Council is to further the attainment of uniformly high standards in Schools of Nursing now being established in Europe, to initiate an educational campaign for the information of the public in the requisite standard for a fundamental education, and to define the position the nurse should take after her graduation.

It is proposed to establish a simple organisation which will meet the needs of the school staffs, and graduates, after the departure of the foreign staffs until, through their national organisations, they can become members of the International Council of Nurses.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Stanhope and Weardale Joint Hospital, Stanhope.—Miss Hilda Todd has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Nurse at the London Fever Hospital, Islington, and Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Bishop Auckland.

ASSISTANT-MATRON.

General Hospital, Darlington.—Miss Florence Briggs has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she has held the position of Ward Sister, Night Sister, and Home Sister.

Bangour Mental Hospital, West Lothian.—Miss Wilhelmina D. Allan has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Mental Hospital, Montrose, and the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

ASSISTANT-MATRON AND TUTOR.

West London Hospital, Hammersmith.—Miss Joan Atkinson has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister-Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, where she has been Ward Sister and Night Sister. She has also been Sister-Tutor at the Royal Infirmary, Gloucester, and the General Hospital, Cheltenham (combined). She is also a Certified Midwife, and holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

SENIOR SISTER.

Municipal Hospital for Tuberculous Children, Belfast.—Miss Sara J. W. Houston has been appointed Senior Sister. She was trained at the Belfast City Infirmary and has been Sister under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, and saw War Service in a large Military Hospital in England.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following official announcements appear in the *London Gazette* of March 16th:—

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Sister Miss G. S. Jacob, R.R.C., is placed on ret. pay, February 28th, 1923, with permission to retain the badge of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.

TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss R. Cox-Davies, R.R.C., Principal Matron, 1st London General Hospital, resigns her appointment; March 31st, 1923. Miss D. Finch, R.R.C., Principal Matron, 2nd London General Hospital, resigns her appointment; March 31st, 1923. Miss H. Hannath, R.R.C., Matron, 5th Northern General Hospital, resigns her appointment; March 17th, 1923.

THE PASSING BELL.

Elfrida (Biddy) Spencer, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING offers heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spencer, of 2, Portland Place, W., on the death of their dearly beloved and only daughter Elfrida (Biddy), known to, and loved from her youth up by many nurses, who watched her very brilliant career as scholar and medical student with affectionate admiration.

Just a fortnight ago she was on duty as a medical officer at the Victoria Hospital for Children, and, attacked by influenza and pneumonia, she has now passed away, in spite of unceasing care, an irreparable loss to her devoted family, to her friends, and we believe to medical science.

"Biddy" Spencer was brought up in the happiest environment—a model home—and her bright personality added charm to its atmosphere. She was one of those rare beings endowed with great intellectual gifts, whose girlish grace entirely extinguished the pedant. Who so simple, so cheery and hospitable as "Biddy"? We see her now assisting her mother to entertain the members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, who, year after year, enjoyed bounteous hospitality at 2, Portland Place after their strenuous annual meetings. She was generously interested in the evolution of the profession of nursing, which she realised was so closely associated with her own, and anxious that better conditions of teaching and remuneration should be available for pupil nurses.

Though an ardent student, "Biddy" was always gay, fond of her pretty frocks, bubbling with life. She was also an exquisite needlewoman, and at our last meeting she showed us with pride all the dinky, dainty silken clothes she had made for two dollies, gifts for little friends. Alas! all her activities have now ceased in this world, and in expressing sympathy with her sorrowing family, our only consolation is that their memories of little "Biddy" must be everlastingly sweet.

E. G. F.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A Quiet Day for prayer and meditation will be held on Thursday, March 22nd, 1923 (by the kind permission of Prebendary Thicknesse), at the Chapel of the Ascension, Hyde Park Place, Bayswater Road, conducted by the Rev. D. H. D. Wilkinson, M.A.

It is hoped that Nurses will make their Communion in their Hospital Chapels, distance making it almost impossible to arrange a corporate Communion.

General subject: "Christ and Personality."

Morning, 10.30-12.30.—Two Services with interval between them. 1st Address: A general Introduction. 2nd Address: "Christ and other people."

Afternoon, 3.15-4.30.—Special Intercessions. 3rd Address: "Christ and our own past."

Evening, 6-7 p.m.—Short Service and 4th Address: "Christ and our own future."

There will be periods for prayer and silent meditation after each address, and an admission of new members.

Mr. Wilkinson will be in the Church to give spiritual help or advice after each service.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"I shall not be ashamed to meet my dog and cat on Judgment Day.—*Bishop Welldon.*"

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